

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 15 , 2012

RE: H.B. No. 1983  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2012  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Culture & the Arts, to which was referred  
H.B. No. 1983 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE COLLECTION OF DEMOGRAPHIC  
DATA BY STATE AGENCIES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to collect data that helps  
decision makers understand the needs and experience of different  
communities by disaggregating the collection of demographic data  
for native Hawaiians, each major Asian ethnic group, and each  
other major Pacific Islander group. Additionally, this measure  
requires the data to be publicly accessible.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Association of Hawaiian Civic  
Clubs and two individuals testified in support of this measure.  
The University of Hawai'i System and Department of Education  
testified in opposition to this measure. The Department of Labor  
and Industrial Relations provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

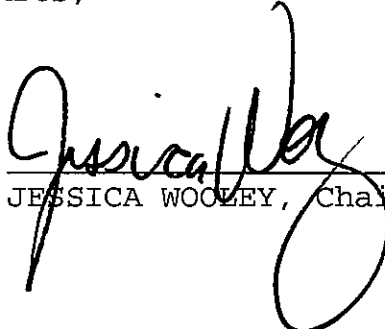
- (1) Deleting some examples of required demographic  
categories and tabulations including Vietnamese, Asian  
Indian, Laotian, Cambodian, Bangladeshi, Hmong,  
Indonesian, Malaysian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Taiwanese,  
Thai, Fijian, and Guamanian to conform with current  
demographics in the State;



- (2) Exempting from this measure demographic data collection for reports governed by federal government standards;
- (3) Requiring the use of more specific categories and tabulations when mandated by the federal government;
- (4) Deleting language requiring state agencies to update their data collection after the decennial United States Census for the year 2020 is publicly released;
- (5) Allowing state agencies, boards, and commissions to adopt the use of categories and tabulations that are more specific than that required by this measure; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture & the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1983, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1983, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Culture & the  
Arts,

  
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JESSICA WOOLEY, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Culture & the Arts

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1983	Committee Referral: CUA, FIN	Date: 2/6/2012		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
CUA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. WOOLEY, Jessica (C)	✓			
2. BELATTI, Della Au (VC)	✓			
3. HANOHANO, Faye P.	✓			
4. JORDAN, Jo	✓			
5. LEE, Chris	✓			
6. MIZUNO, John M.	✓			
7. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
8. PINE, Kymberly Marcos	✓			
TOTAL (8)	8			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Della A. Belatti</u>				
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